## MERA NEWS





DRAFTING OF THE ARMISTICE TERMS IN VERSAILLES

of table from left to right: Second man—General di Robilant; Italian Foreign Minister Sonnino; Italian Premier Orlando; Colonel Edward M. House; General Tasker H. Bliss; (next man unknown) Greek Premier Venizelos and Serbian Minister Vesnitch. Right side of table from left to right: Admiral Wemyss (with back turned); General Sir Henry Wilson; Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig; General Sackville West; Andrew Bonar Law; British Premier Lloyd George; French Premier Georges Clemenceau and French Foreign Minister Stephen Pichon. This French Official Photograph shows the actual drafting of the armistice terms by the Allied plenipotentiaries at Versailles. Left side



MILITARY RULER ON THE GERMAN BORDER

A most recent photo of Marshal Petain on his favorite horse in the field. Marshal Petain is in complete command of the Franco-American forces now occupying the territory on the German border. He is now acting as Military Governor of the cities and towns under control of the Allied forces.



WHAT THE "LASSIES" ARE NOW DOING FOR OUR BOYS Although the war is over the "Lassies" of the Salvation Army are still making things comfortable for the boys. Our photo shows Captain May Bishop (cutting doughnuts), and Lieutenant Florence Turkington (with pan of doughnuts), Salvation Army Hut in France, dealing out these goodies to the boys just before their march to the Rhine.



SECRETARY DANIELS WORKING ON HIS REPORT Probably because he is an old newspaper man himself Secretary of the Navy Daniels likes to get back of a raste-pot and with scissors and pen work like he used to when he was grinding out editorials for his own paper in Raleigh. Just now he is completing his annual report, which, on account of the past year of great activities in the Navy, will be much more extensive and of great interest. He is here shown in his new office in the New Navy Building built in Potomac Park during the



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A

A unique photo of a huge mine The mine was exploded by the Germans as they were forced out by the advancing Allied troops. These mines sometimes destroy an entire village when exploded. According to the armistice terms the Germans are required to point out Germans are required to point out the location of all hidden mines, , poisoned wells, etc.

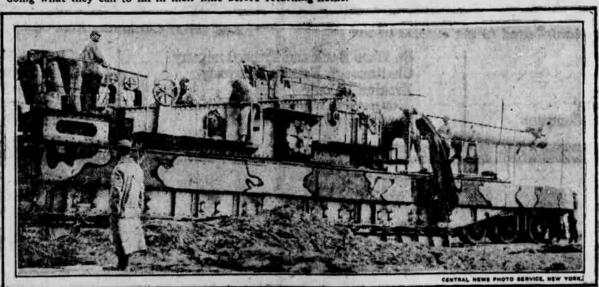


REPATRIATED

After four years of wandering and suffering, the people of Belgium are at last coming back to their own. History does not contain a brighter page than that which shall tell of Belgium's noble part in the great war and no result of the war is more pleasing to the world than the liberation of that devastated kingdom. The photo shows the vanguard of Belgium's great army of refugees returning to their homes in the wake of their victorious army.



NOTHING TO DO BUT HELP IN THE GARDENING American soldiers helping the French women gather potatoes in a field in France. These boys are now doing what they can to fill in their time before returning home.

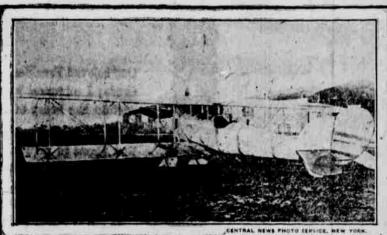


One of the "arguments" that finally convinced the Kaiser he was wrong—a French 370 mm cannon—its work finished, is here shown being "wrapped" for the return home. It is unlikely that the occasion to use such "arguments" will ever again arise.



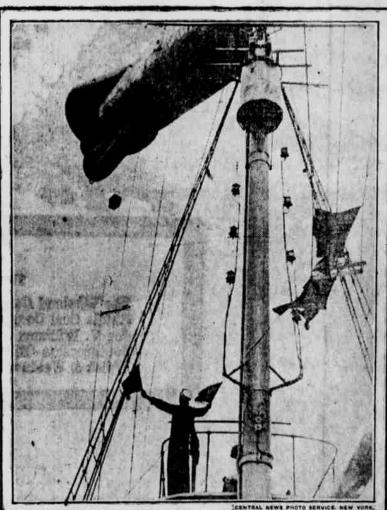
"ENEMIES WITHIN"

There's nothing like cleanliness to get rid of the "tortures" of trench life, and with the cessation of hostilities these Belgian fighters are giving all their attention to their laundry established in a dugout near a ruined village.



AMERICA'S LATEST AIR DREADNOUGHT

Here is shown the very latest type of American aeroplane. It is constructed entirely of steel and is considered machine gun proof. Army fliers consider it a great deal more buoyant than the canvas type and more easily controlled.



SIGNALLING FOR OUR BIRDS TO RETURN HOME

Here is an interesting photo of a sailor aboard a scout destroyer signalling Blimps and aeroplanes to return to the base at Long Island. This is the first photo to be released since the declaration of peace of